



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q79812

Yoshihito KATO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/780,672

Group Art Unit: 2635

Confirmation No.: 1994

Examiner: Shimizu Matsuichiro

Filed: February 19, 2004

For: LOCKING DEVICE, LOCKER, KEY AND LOCKING METHOD

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on

May 5, 2006

**REMARKS**

During the interview, the following was discussed:

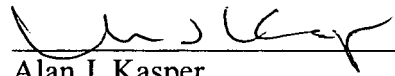
1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: 9 and 18.
3. Identification of art discussed: Mabuchi
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: Amending claim 18 to state that the writer or locking device updates the ID code stored in the key.
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Mabuchi does not teach such writer or locking device updating or transmitting a new ID code in or to a key
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None
7. Results of Interview: Examiner would receive and consider claim amendment after final rejection and would update search, and allow claims if no new pertinent art is found.

Statement of Substance of Interview  
U.S. Application No. 10/780,672

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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